necessary. In the case of voluntary contributions it is possible for a minority to defeat a useful work from being undertaken by refusing to pay any contribution. So if a majority agree to contribute, provision may be made to recover the proportionate contribution from others compulsorily.

Reply of Government.—A proposal to obviate these difficulties is under consideration in connection with the institution of Village Panchayets.

SUBJECT No. 66.

Equal privileges to the raiyats under major and minor tanks.

Messrs. A. Shama Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk and Channakesava Rao, Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats cultivating lands under minor tanks are not given any of the facilities given to those under major tanks, though the land tax on both is the same. It is requested that the privileges enjoyed by raiyats under major tanks be extended to those under minor tanks also.

Reply of Government.—There is no such distinction. The Village Panchayet scheme will, however, deal with this.

SUBJECT No. 67.

Improvement of tanks in Jodi and Agrahar Inam villages.

Messrs. Devappa, Shikarpur Taluk, and H. Ramappa, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Tanks in Inam villages are deteriorating on account of continued neglect. It is therefore suggested that irrigation cess may be levied on Inam villages and repairs to tanks in such villages undertaken by Government. The difficulty is felt in the malnad, where owing to the prevalent forms of tenure, the Inamdars cannot levy any cess from the tenants.

Mr. Raghavachar.—The Inamdars recover both local and irrigation cesses from their raiyats and pay to Government only the local cess. If Government undertake the management and repairs of the tanks, it will greatly interfere with the Inamdars' privileges. It is to the interest of Inamdars to keep the tanks in good order. At any rate the proposal should be adopted only in the case of Inamdars who wish its adoption.

Mr. Krishnamurti Rao stated that Inamdars greatly neglect their tanks. This is invariably the case in the Inam villages which belong to more than one vrittidar. At the time of jamabandi, if as in the case of Government tanks, some attention is bestowed upon Inam tanks, their condition will be greatly improved.

Reply of Government.—Under Government Order No. 3786-95-01, dated 1st September 1887, the responsibility of Inamdars for the execution of timely repairs to their tanks and for maintaining them always in an efficient condition has been clearly laid down. If they neglect to do so, it is competent to the Government to take the work in hand and carry it out, the outlay being recovered from them as a revenue demand. The matter will be further considered.